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AMENDMENT

**Box Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 4, 2002

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2002. A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached, with deletions indicated by brackets and additions indicated by underlining.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A functional component as a gate plate of an automatic gear shift mechanism with a locking gate, having engagement holes for engagement elements which kinetically interact with the functional component, wherein the functional component comprises at least three stamped parts, which lie flat sandwiched against one another, are unreleasably connected to one another and each have at least two engagement holes for engagement elements which kinetically interact with the functional component, the engagement holes

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